

## THE METHODISTS.

SECOND DAY OF THE VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Admitted on Trial—Progress of the Church During Ten Years—Examinations—Personal.

(Reported for the Dispatch.)

NEWPORT, VA., November 18, 1886.

The Conference met this morning at 9:30. Rev. George Manning conducted the religious exercises.

After the reading of the Minutes of yesterday's session the Bishop announced the following committees:

On Temperance: F. M. Edwards, J. E. Potts, and W. W. Roy.

On Bible and Prayer: J. T. Whitley, J. C. Reed, and J. W. Bradbury.

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TEA-ROOM COLLECTORS, &amp;c.

The annual missionary collections were, ten years ago, \$11,622—\$5,254—increasing \$12,531, or 50 per cent.

The annual conference collection for worn-out preachers' widows and orphans has increased in ten years from \$6,407 to \$7,622.

The collections for all purposes last year amounted to \$341,786—\$11,622 more than was collected ten years ago.

CREDITORS' PROPERTY.

The following table shows the gains in church property in ten years.

Chrs. Value. Parochial. Other.

Now \$60 \$1,000,000 \$5 \$16,650 \$87,380

Ten \$60 \$1,046,000 \$5 \$11,250 53,193

Inter. 101 228,000 44 \$6,600 34,177

Total value of all Church property in the Conference, \$1,653,837.

The contributions now average \$5.33 per member. Ten years ago the average was \$4.71 per member.

RECEIVED FROM OTHER CONFESSES.

J. B. Forchner, a preacher on trial, and S. H. Johnson, an elder, were transferred from the North Carolina Conference.

CONTINUED.

Oscar M. Martin, T. H. White, Basson, Dr. William T. Basson, Ernest Stevens, W. F. Davis, Thomas J. Way, and J. B. Forchner were called, passed examination of character, and were severally continued on trial.

Thomas H. White had suffered an accident which necessitated the amputation of a leg, and so has impaired his health that his death is likely to occur at any time. Many were the expressions of sympathy from the Conference for this excellent young man in his affliction.

The whole church, though as poor as the world of these young men during the past year, the reports in every instance were satisfactory, and in some instances remarkable success had attended their ministry.

CLASS OF THE SECOND YEAR.

B. W. Bargmann, John L. Pribble, Daniel Tucker, Charles H. McGuire, James A. Duncan, James W. Howell, W. H. Rose, Thomas G. Poller, John S. Bosman, members of the class of the second year, were called severally, and passed examination of character.

The Committee of Examination reported in full, and said that the examination of studies of the members had been satisfactorily passed. The chairman of the committee complimented the class, saying the class had attained the highest grade attained by any class for four years.

B. Fitzgerald, Michael Bruckner, Charles McLean, James W. Duncan, Henry J. Brown, and John S. Bosman were elected to deacon's orders. The other members of the class were already deacons.

Dr. Fitzgerald, of Nashville, Tenn., was introduced to the Conference.

LYNCHBURG.

A New Warehouse—Mail Arrangements Again—Elegiac Notes.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

NOVEMBER 18, 1886.

Mr. James M. Bookler, Jr., an enterprising manufacturer, has erected a public warehouse at the corner of Third and Main streets, both in capacity and convenience. Of the six buildings here, almost half of them are private offices, at which our dear "Redoubt" is situated. They will be used to seat the board of management of the public warehouse has long been felt. To meet this requirement, Mr. Bookler, with commendable public spirit, has erected this new and imposing edifice, and in building it has availed himself of all the latest improvements that could by any possibility be of advantage to either planter or lawyer.

The house consists of two stories and basement, built of solid columns of brick twenty inches thick from top to bottom. The foundation is of solid masonry three feet thick, and the walls are of brick at both ends of the building, with steel bars, hewed and riveted, to give it strength and safety, while the intervening space will be used for wagon.

For this purpose the hewed timbers were cut to the size of 10x12, and the space between the joists will be filled with the wood of the war of the Union. Forcing the timber to stand upright, and made a great fort at a stroke. A year after he was at the head of the school, he was compelled to leave, because of the want of money, and a year later he was again at the head of the school, and had a good schoolroom.

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A TICKLISH BUSINESS.

(Chicago Herald.)

It must be awfully ticklish business voting, is not it? Charlie?" asked the prettily little wife of a Little-street resident.

"Rather," was the gloomy reply of the husband.

"But what is it that makes it so?" pleaded then the little woman, with a quiver in her voice.

"Makes it what?" roared the paper in the house, dropping the paper in the digest.

"Why, ticklish?" gurgled the inquisitive wife.

"What more than I know," replied the husband. "What under the sun makes you think it's ticklish?"

"Oh," exclaimed the little woman, with a change of frankness, "I see the papers were merely scratched."

The flooring is of heart-pine, dressed, tongued, and grooved. Two elevators, eight feet by ten, will add to the facilities for moving to and fro.

The stairs, going up and down, in the language of the superintendent of the work, "they will bear any weight that can be put upon them."

The ceiling is of heart-pine, dressed,

tongued, and grooved. The whole building, with the third story, will be used for the display and sale of the wood. The office is on the second floor from Lynch, but the first from Thirteenth, and adjoining it are rooms comfortably fitted up for the accommodation of wagons. The whole building is of the most substantial character.

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A BIG FIRE.

LARGE FERTILIZING WORKS IN NORFOLK COUNTY BURNED.

Fatal Termination of the Navy-Yard Shooting Affair—Other Norfolk Items.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch)

NORFOLK, November 18, 1886.

This morning about 3 o'clock a fire broke out in the Upton Glass Works, in Norfolk county, opposite the city. The works were destroyed, together with a quantity of fertilizers stored in sheds for market, and a large quantity of valuable materials for manufacturing.

The works were the largest of the kind in this section of the country, and did a large amount of business. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

A heavy wind and rain-storm prevailed here throughout last night. Shingles and planks were lifted from houses and fences, and the force of the wind was so great as to break out of many houses.

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